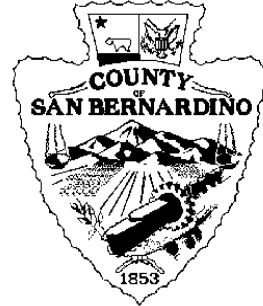


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SUPERVISORS APPOINT DIRECTOR TO BALDY MESA WATER BOARD

- Board Also O.K.'s Start of Construction on Phelan Park -

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved Supervisor Bill Postmus' nomination of Marlene East of Victorville to fill a vacancy on the Baldy Mesa Water District Board of Directors.

The five-member Baldy Mesa District Board provides water service to part of the City of Victorville as well as a large unincorporated area adjacent to the city. The board vacancy was created by the resignation of Director Jonathan Ervin in February. East's appointment is effective immediately with a term of office ending December 2, 2005.

On March 18, the remaining directors on the Baldy Mesa board did not achieve majority support to either appoint a new director or call an election to fill the vacancy. The District then requested that the Board of Supervisors fill the position or call an election pursuant to Government Code Section 1780(b).

East, who was selected from among four applicants, previously served on the district's board for five years. She also worked as an employee of the district for nine years. She lost a bid for election to the seat in November 2003 by an 83-vote margin.

"This appointment was very important to me because I happen to be very familiar with the Baldy Mesa Water District and its issues and management team," said Postmus, who personally interviewed the applicants for the appointment. "This district represents one of the fastest growing areas of the Victor Valley, and I should add that it is a well run district."

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Postmus said his two priorities in deciding on a nominee were knowledge of water issues and the ability to work with fellow board members to solve problems. He said he was impressed by East's continued interest in the water district, even after she left the board of directors.

In other business before the Board of Supervisors, approval was given to begin construction on a new community park in Phelan. The park, which will be constructed by 4CON Engineering of Fontana, will be built on 2.5 acres and will consist of picnic facilities, basketball courts, a walking track, horseshoe pits and other park amenities. 4CON submitted the lowest responsible bid on the project of \$343,000. Construction is scheduled to begin May 10 and is expected to be completed within three months.

"I'm excited that we're bringing more family-friendly facilities to the Tri-Community like this park" said Supervisor Postmus.